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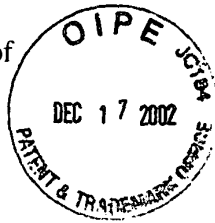
In re Patent Application of

OGINO et al.

Serial No. 09/930,476

Filed: August 16, 2001

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING GLASS AND GLASS-MELTING APPARATUS  
THEREOF**



Atty. Ref.: 330-239

Group: 1731

Examiner: Colaianni

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**RESPONSE**

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Responsive to the Official Action dated November 26, 2002 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-13 drawn to a method of melting glass.

Responsive to the requirement for election of a single disclosed species, applicants elect Group III, namely claims 10-13 drawn to a method of producing phosphate glass.

An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 16, 2001 and February 27, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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☒ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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